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Decades in the making

Haliburton resident Deloris Packard has spent 20 years working on her first novel, *The Inheritance of the Cedar Grove Resort*. See Page 2.

Artisan exhibit

Property owners on Lake Kashagawigamog are excited to host the first 'Kash on the Water' event. See Page 3.

Kwarky designs

Kim Wark reflects on her years of providing cartoons for publications in the Highlands. See Page 13.

A loon was captured swimming across Lake Kashagawigamog with her babies on her back on Saturday, June 19. Cottager Billy Kalantzis caught it all on camera while out kayaking on the lake. /Photo by Billy Kalantzis

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Local author pours 20 years of experience into new novel

JEREMY BORG

Special to *County Life*

Author Deloris Packard self-published her book The Inheritance of The Cedar Grove Resort in April. She spent more than 20 years working on the book. / Submitted by Jim Dale

Deloris Packard, a long-time member of the Haliburton community, recently released her first novel *The Inheritance of The Cedar Grove Resort.*

Artistic inspiration doesn't come often in the hotel industry, yet for Packard her years of experience has given her the ability to create a thrilling novel encapsulating what maintaining and running a resort is really like. The book is not a how-to manual on managing a hotel, the writer explains. Instead, she has utilized her 20-plus years of experience, and personal familial occurrences to deliver a heartfelt narrative of loss and family bonding.

"I guess I always knew I was a writer at heart," Packard said. "I just never had the chance to focus on it."

Deloris has delivered a tale of bonding and loss. When asked to describe the book, she said "It's a story about three sisters at different stages in their lives, whose mother has recently passed away. Because of this, the daughters have to overcome their differences to protect their inheritance – The Cedar Grove Resort."

The story centres on the interpersonal relationships between the three sisters, yet the main set piece is the resort. While the resort is seemingly another narrative device, it was selected for a very specific reason, Packard said. Compared to a hotel, the atmosphere of a resort is far more relaxed. At a resort, people are in a much more welcoming mood than other establishments in the hospitality industry, she added.

Also, the resort industry is quite mysterious, with many things going on behind closed doors that visitors may not be wary of. This element, in particular, is visited in Packard's book.

Deloris has been a writer, to some extent, throughout her entire life. As a child, up until now, she has loved to detail events. She has kept journals throughout her life.

Her primary inspiration to take up writing was her Grade 11 English class. For many, a book report would be a tedious assignment, but for Packard it lit her literary spark. She then drew on many other sources of inspiration from her personal life, much of it surrounding her family. As the youngest of eight children, her childhood was chock-full of drama and sibling rivalry. Sibling rivalry, in particular, is one of the main themes visited time and again with the three main characters.

The creation of *The Inheritance of The Cedar Grove Resort* was by no means a rushed process. The novel has been in the works for decades, ever since Packard first watched James Cameron's blockbuster *The Titanic,* released in 1997.

Deloris kept things fresh over the years, taking her time with the book. It was this 'go with the flow' mentality that helped to centre Deloris and ensure she was able to keep focused and give maximum effort when it came time to write.

"I write when I feel like it… The book changed as time went on. I grew and changed as a person," she recently told County Life. "I would say the book changed me – all of my learning, all of my experiences over a 20 year period changed how I saw things, and changed how the book developed."

Since the book's release in April, Packard has sold dozens of copies. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, to the point that Deloris has already started working on something of a sequel.

While not giving too much away plot-wise for The Nuptial of The Cedar Grove Resort, Deloris said it would involve the same main characters from the first book, and that they would be involved in a wedding of some kind.

Area residents will have the opportunity to pick up a copy of The Inheritance of The Cedar Grove Resort this Saturday, July 10 when Deloris hosts a book signing at Glecoff's Family Store in Haliburton. She will be on site from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Organizer calls on community to support inaugural 'Kash on the Water'

MIKE BAKER
County Life Editor

Some property owners along Kashagawigamog Lake will tap into their creative side later this summer as they prepare to host a first 'Kash on the Water' artisan exhibit.

The event, pencilled in for Aug. 7, will feature 18 artists from a variety of disciplines and styles, including a watercolour painter, digital designer, woodworker, potter and a jewellery maker.

Allison Barrow is one of the leaders behind the initiative. Once it became apparent that COVID-19 restrictions would be loosened over the summer, and people would be allowed to gather and attend community events and functions, she and a collection of others from the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization drew up a "sort of wish list", outlining some potential activities they could organize and host in the coming months.

Given the wealth of artistic talent that resides on the Kash, and the past success of similar events such as the annual Art on the Dock studio tour organized by the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association, Barrow says it seemed a natural decision for the organization to establish an exhibit of their own.

"We're always looking for ideas, new events that will draw people out to the Kash… We have sailing events, the 'Kash Bash' is always really well attended. We have some really talented people on our lake, and we thought it would be really cool to showcase some of their many talents," Barrow said.

Wary not to step on the toes of their Kennisis Lake counterparts, Barrow and her team reached out to those involved with running the annual event to make sure they didn't have a problem with a similar exhibit springing up on the Kash.

Far from having a problem with it, those with experience organizing the popular Art on the Dock tour offered to help.

"That was important to us [that we had their support]. The event out on Kennisis Lake is always so much fun, and is such a big success. It's so well talked about and appreciated in this community. We just want to tap into that," Barrow noted.

'Kash on the Water' will run as something of a travelling exhibit – with several different locations sprinkled along the lake.

"What we're encouraging, is for people to bring their boat, bring their families and then they can load up a digital map on their cell phone, which will mark all the different locations along the lake, and give some information about the various artists and exhibits," Barrow said. "Each vendor will be on their own property, or a host property, and people will have the opportunity to travel from vendor to vendor to vendor."

Allison Barrow shows off one of her stunning watercolour pieces from her dock on Lake Kashagawigamog. She will be one of 18 vendors on hand for the inaugural 'Kash on the Water' event, set to take place on Aug. 7. /Submitted

There will also be routes made available for those who wish to attend the event and travel between locations using their car.

There will be food vendors on hand and live music played throughout the day, with Barrow keen to promote the event as a "family day out." The exhibits will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Barrow said 'Kash on the Water' will be a great way for residents and cottagers to come together as a community to support local artisans who live on the lake.

"We're incredibly excited. We hope this will become an annual event. Haliburton is such a big arts community, so we're hoping to draw on that and make this a big success," Barrow said.

All of the artists will have items available for purchase.

Barrow expects she and her team of volunteers will also be able to kick some money back into the community, with a portion of the profits from the event to be donated to a yet-to-be-determined Haliburton County-based charity.

For more information on the first 'Kash on the Water' artisan exhibit and the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization, visit www.lko.ca.

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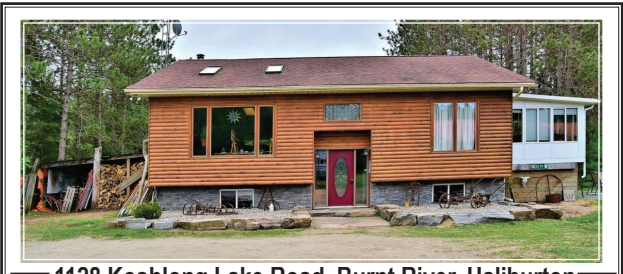
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Fundraising drive to revitalize Knox United Church

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Members of Dorset's Knox United Church are launching a fundraising campaign to make accessibility upgrades and other improvements to the building, which is more than 125 years old.

Dubbed the Knox Revitalization Project, organizers are hoping to raise $80,000 during 2021 and 2022.

"A persistent barrier for Knox to developing new projects and innovative community programs has been realities such as crumbling stairs and safe accessible access to the building," reads a release from organizers. "This past winter we initiated a food rescue program in which we rescued produce at the end of its shelf life at Robinson's General Store and created soups and baking, which was given to the Dorset Health Hub and the Baysville Winter Pantry for distribution. This very successful project highlighted the need for major improvements to the church and access to it for members, visitors and volunteers and to provide more community programs. We are reaching out to all the many friends and supporters of Knox who can see there is a vibrant future for Knox in Dorset."

The project will include the reconstruction of stairs, porches, walkways and entrances, including ramps and railings for fully accessible entry. Environmentally sustainable upgrades such as new windows, insulation and septic system improvements are also planned, as is renovating interior spaces for multi-purpose use.

"Knox has been an integral part of the history of Dorset since 1894," the release reads. "It is the only remaining church in the village for regular church services, weddings, funerals and special holiday services."

Donations can be made online at www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/61962 and tax receipts are available. Cheques can be made payable to Knox United Church, Box 213, Dorset, Ont., P0A 1E0.

For more information, contact Vina Parker at 705-766-1810, Joanne Buss at 705-635-1821, or Brian Lynch at 705-766-1148.

A brand new design
Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Colleen Petric stands at the side of County Road 1 in front of the sign, showing where the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve is located. Petric designed the logo for the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. See the story in a past ***Minden Times*** and the current ***Haliburton County Echo*** newspaper. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Dysart councillor Walt McKechnie putts at the Water Ambassadors Canada's 9th Annual Charity Golf Classic.

Swinging for Water Ambassadors

Leigh Bull leans back while watching his ball roll with golfing partner Roger Trull looks on during the Water Ambassadors Canada's 9th Annual Charity Golf Classic on Thursday, June 24 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. Trull was one of 96 golfers for the fundraiser, which had the theme, Around the World in 18 Holes. Each hole provided information about the countries like Ethopia, Honduras and Liberia that are assisted by the Water Ambassadors./DARREN LUM Staff

Left, Andrew Hodgson reacts to a putt.

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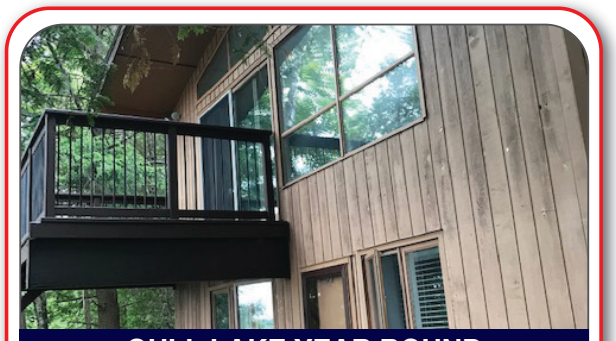

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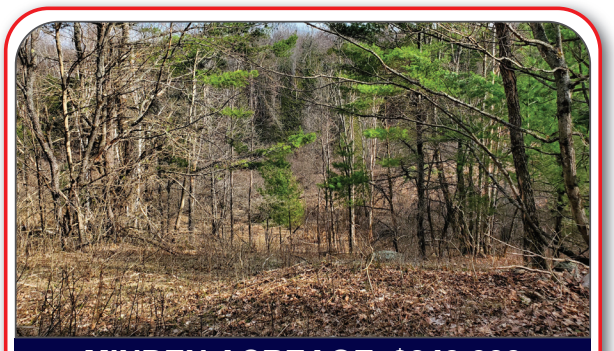

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A tragic loss of life

MICHAEL BARNES
Special to *County Life*

HE RAN LIKE the wind.

Those who cross the bridge by the Legion at the northern entrance to Minden on Highway 35 should know it is named to honour a brave man.

Eric Nystedt was born in Sault Ste. Marie on July 26, 1968 and at an early age was involved in all kinds of recreational activities. He had a gift as a runner and maintained the peak of fitness. One friend has said that he ran like the wind.

After high school he attended Carleton University in Ottawa where he was working on a Bachelor's degree in Psychology.

Eric's older brother, Scott, was an OPP officer and Eric became interested in police work as a result. He was accepted for recruit training on September 4, 1990. Later, while at the Ontario Police College, he set a record for the 1.5 mile race. Upon graduation he came to the Minden detachment.

Eric had such a such a pleasant disposition that he warmed the hearts of all those he met. He was incredibly well liked in the Haliburton Highlands, as he became involved in the athletic and social life of the county.

He volunteered on the Ski Patrol at Sir Sam's and today his jacket is proudly displayed there. He ran with the OPP provincial running team and his captain said Eric was one of the fastest runners he had ever seen. In May 1993 he won a twenty-five kilometre race in Dundas, Ontario.

PC Nystedt had been on the job for less than three years when he was working overnight with Senior Constable Mike Landry on Saturday, July 3, 1993. The two officers were called twice that shift to an assault, a domestic occurrence at a location near the village of Kinmount. A man named Leonard Roy Phillips was drunk and his behaviour was said to be endangering others at a cottage in Snowdon Township in the Furnace Falls area.

At 2 a.m., the two officers were looking for Phillips, who had run off into the bush after having committed an assault. PC Nystedt was in the rear, passing a small clearing, when suddenly the wanted man came out from behind him and stabbed the young officer in the left leg. The knife severed the left femoral artery and Eric bled to death before he could receive the necessary aid.

A massive search was commissioned with fifty officers, a canine unit, members of the TRU team, and later even a helicopter. Off-duty officers converged on the area to help. One recently retired member came and brought food and hot drinks to the searchers. Finally, around noon, Phillips came out of the bush and was arrested

There was a huge police funeral in Sault Ste. Marie. Officers came from Canada and the United States. The United Church funeral had songs of praise rendered by PC Lyndon Slewidge, and the interment followed. The federal minister for public security attended and he remarked that the whole town had paused to pay respects to a native son.

The Fenelon Falls resident who took Nystedt's life was originally sentenced to life in prison with no parole eligibility for 18 years, but in 1999 the parole stipulation was reduced from 15 to 13 years. The Justice who made this decision said that Phillips did not know Nystredt was a police officer.

For five years Eric's memory was commemorated in the Soo with a great Heart and Stroke fundraiser and also an annual, golf tournament. The OPP Academy has an award in Eric's name for the most fit recruit in each graduating class.

A classmate of the young man who ran like the wind kept a picture of Eric Nystedt on his desk. The image reminded him daily of the fragile reality of human life.

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Top 10 things you can learn from 2,000-year-old poop

IF YOU READ a lot of scientific news stories like I do, you are probably well aware of the buzz surrounding the findings of a 2,000-year-old turd collected from rock caves in Mexico. Researchers are discovering many unexpected things and learning about how our evolving evolution and changing landscapes have affected our digestive systems and health. In short, there is a lot you can learn from a 2,000-year-old-turd. Not to be critical, but after reading the story, I can't help but think the scientists missed a few. Here are my top 10.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. There are careers that are far worse than writing.
2. Nuclear waste isn't the only thing with a half-life.
3. Someone out there spent a lot of time in university learning how to age poop.
4. You never know how you are going to contribute to science.
5. Some cave art critics were really harsh.
6. Eventually, no matter what you think, someone is going to go back into that cave.
7. This explains the rack of stone tablets and candles in the cave.
8. That's one way of keeping dinosaurs out.
9. No wonder cave bears went extinct.
10. Back at the lab, it's always crunch time.

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Deborah J Reed

Community fundraiser ongoing

Fire fighters with the Dysart et al Fire Department work to put out the fire at a residence on Kennisis Lake Road in West Guilford on, June 22. There were 20 firefighters and six trucks on the scene, including Haliburton EMS. The house was a total loss of $300,000. A community fundraiser has been launched to help the affected families get back on their feet. Help Gayle's personal emergency fundraiser is live on Facebook, and hopes to raise $25,000. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Take and Bake serves Harcourt community

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While in this past year the Harcourt Ladies' Committee haven't been able to fully serve the community in the way they've been doing for almost 50 years, a planned curbside meal fundraiser has the phone ringing off the hook, proving they're going to be busy before the event even happens.

"I am excited," said committee president Connie Rees. "I'm a little overwhelmed because I actually have people calling me before we have the flyer out."

The group's first Take and Bake, in which they advertise,"We lovingly make it, then freeze it. You simply take it, and bake it!" is planned for July 9, when those who have placed orders in advance can pick up frozen meals and dessert to fill their freezers and enjoy alone or with family.

"We can't do anything much so we thought this will hopefully do some fundraising," said Rees.

Earlier this month, the group met to try to figure out what they can do to continue engaging the broader community in fundraising – typically they host events and prepare food for functions like funerals, lunches and anniversaries, raising funds by donation to help support the Harcourt Community Centre.

A curbside meal pick-up option allowed for the members to plan and prepare an event that can run even if public health restrictions change again due to the ongoing pandemic. One member brought in recipes she likes to make that she knows freeze well, with the group deciding to offer two meals : an authentic shepherd's pie that feeds two to three people for $12, and a family-sized Greek BBQ-ready meal of marinated pork tenderloin kabobs with lemon potatoes for $25. Dessert is strawberry-rhubarb pie - either a six-inch pie for $5, or a nine-inch pie for $12.

The menu, the idea, and the chance to support local efforts with all proceeds going back to the community has Rees already taking orders.

"We might have to get really busy and make a whole bunch more," she laughed.

About 25 members ranging in age from late-30s to 88 are part of the Harcourt Ladies' Committee, which was established decades ago.

"As far as we can tell going back into the old paperwork, it started around 1966, and it's evolved over the years," said Rees.

In 2015, the Harcourt Community Centre was destroyed in a fire, putting the group largely on pause. The Centre was reopened in 2018, but then the pandemic closed down events again at the beginning of 2020.

While not everyone is still able to physically help, member support is important, said Rees.

"We need their guidance, believe me," she laughed. "They're the history of it, you know. We've got one lady who's 85. She makes the best pastry in the world. I don't want her to ever leave. She's belonged for a good number of years."

The group is always looking for new members, too, with everyone contributing how they can.

"There's lots of cooking," said Rees. "We try to use the ladies ... who does what best, gets to do it!"

The fellowship is important not just for the members involved, but for their partners who support the group when they're needed.

"I just am thankful for all of the ladies' help, and also we're very thankful for all of our husbands' help," said Rees. "They do shopping or run and get things. We say 'oh my God, we need more potatoes' and all of that kind of thing, or help with things like clean up, afterwards. They're all pretty good that way."

Other curbside events have done well - a pie sale last year resulted in more than 110 apple or pumpkin pies being sold and a pre-pandemic cookie sale was a huge success. A Thanksgiving event in 2019 raised more than $1,200.

"The importance is to bring the community together and keep the community together and hopefully get the younger people in the community involved, and doing things for them too," said Rees. "We all have fun. We all do our thing. Of course, we all love to cook. And we all have a good time when we're there. That's what it's all about."

If the group's first Take and Bake is a hit, there is a possibility they will host another similar event – perhaps every two weeks, or monthly.

"I'm pretty sure it's going to be successful," said Rees. "We're all pretty happy about it."

For information about future Take and Bake events held by the Harcourt Ladies' Committee, contact Connie Rees at 705-448-9842 or connierees02@gmail.com.

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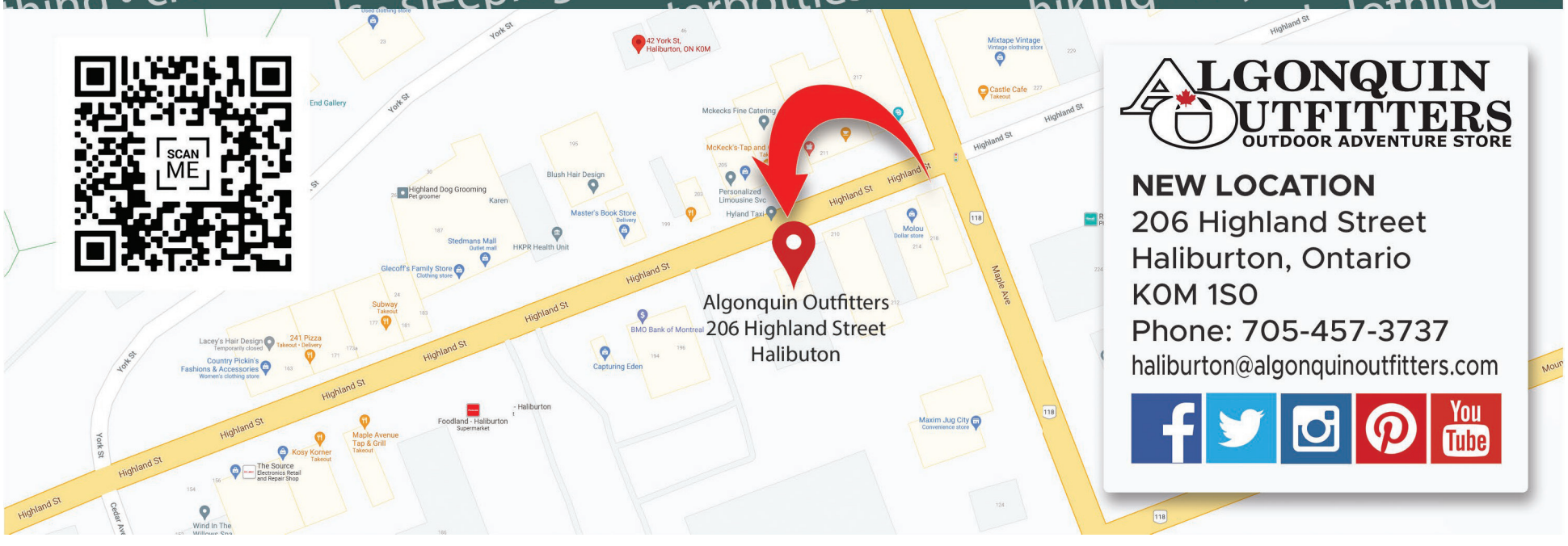

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Municipalities across county collaborate on new Waste Wizard app

Have you ever wondered if you can recycle paper coffee cups? Where do empty milk cartons go? What about plastic yogurt tubs?

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Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East, and Minden Hills recently launched their new mobile app, Haliburton County Waste Wizard.

The Haliburton County Waste Wizard mobile app makes it easy for people to know how to reuse, recycle or safely dispose of waste items in their local municipality. Minimizing the amount of waste produced in a municipality reduces the need for landfill space, conserves natural resources, and decreases greenhouse gases.

This free mobile app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store for iPhones and iPads, and from the Google Play Store for Android devices.

After downloading the Haliburton County Waste Wizard mobile app, select your local municipality, and learn how to recycle or dispose of materials ranging from aluminum foil, to yard and garden waste. Simply type the name of a waste material to get started! In addition, the mobile app can send you notifications about upcoming events such as hazardous waste drop-off days or landfill weather closures.

The Waste Wizard can also be used on local municipal websites:

- www.algonquinhighlands.ca/wastewizard.php
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Guilford's newest garden

Haliburton resident Bill Gliddon tends to the garden he planted for friend and West Guilford resident Eleanor Cooper, who was appreciative of the gesture a couple of weeks ago after she mentioned to someone else how much she would love a garden. Gliddon, who is a past Highlander of the Year, is known to help many people, whether it's by providing his time to listen, or give a drive to residents around the area interested in getting out of the house./DARREN LUM Staff

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, July 10, 2021
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Haliburton Landfill, 222 Industrial Park Road, Haliburton

Valid Dysart landfill identification user cards must be shown at the gate.

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Dysart's upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Days
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Saturday, September 18, 2021 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at West Guilford Landfill

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Highlands summer festival 2021 Live Theatre

Welcome to the Highlands Summer Festival Photo Contest

Each month we post a photo from one of the shows we presented over the past two decades. The challenge for you is to identify the show and the year it was presented. There could be additional questions as well, depending on the whims of the quizmaster. All you have to do is submit your answers to ***contest@highlandssummerfestival.on.ca*** by the 25th of the month. We will select one winner from all the correct entries we receive. The winner will receive two tickets to any of the next season's shows. A new photo will be posted at the beginning of each month at which time we'll announce the winner of the previous contest.

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….just a nostalgic stroll down our theatrical memory lane and a chance to score some tickets to the next Highlands Summer Festival season.

Unlucky contest # 13, apparently. We have no correct answers for the photo which showed, from the left, Amy Leis, Tim Nicholson and Tom Regina in the 2015 production of One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest. Interestingly the talented Amy Leis played two characters in the show, the shy Nurse Flinn and party girl Sandra, as seen in the photo. So, on to the next challenge and four pairs of tickets waiting for the lucky winner.

Contest #14

Here are some faces you have seen before. This time they are performing in the 2003 production of The Mumberley Inheritance. Your entry must name the actors on the left and the right. An extra two tickets to anyone who can identify the man hiding behind the false beard in the middle.

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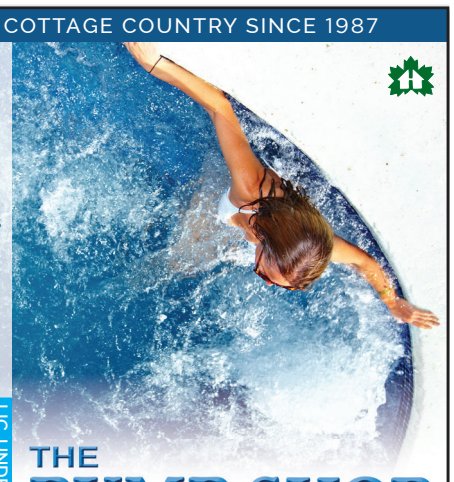

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Kim Wark brings quirky to the paper with Kwarky

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Kim Wark, who creates Kwarky for the *Minden Times*, with her pandemic puppy Reece. /Submitted photo

Since 2010, Kim Wark has contributed a spot of colour, humour and clever fun on a weekly basis to the pages of the *Minden Times*, one comic panel at a time.

It's her name you see signed to the bottom of Kwarky, the comic she designs for Page 6 each week. To date, she has created more than 500 cartoons for the local newspaper.

Wark, now a teacher living in Oshawa, began cartooning in 1996. Like her hero, Gary Larson who creates the *Far Side* comic strip, she isn't trained as an artist. Instead, she graduated university with a psychology degree, and then ventured out into the world.

"I headed out west for a chance to just see what I like doing," she said.

While there, waitressing in Banff at the Keg restaurant, she befriended another girl in her mid-20s, who was an animator for Disney Studios in Toronto but also taking a year off.

"And so she was trying to make me laugh, and doodling on coasters," said Wark. "I've been a writer since I was a kid. I love words, I love word play, I write stories. And I pitched the idea – do you want to start a cartoon up? I'll write the tag lines, and you do the art."

An editor at *The Wild Life* newspaper was interested in Wark's pitch, and so began a few years of Wark contributing cartoons and humour articles.

"Then my friend went back to her real job in Toronto and got too busy to keep up," laughed Wark.

Wark took a cartooning course in Calgary and decided to take on both the art and the writing.

"It was really good, I love taking continuing education courses," she said. "This was an artist, doing a private course at an artists' centre in Calgary. Just what tools to use, markers, paper, how to create bodies and angle. And yeah, it was fun. That was really early on, so it just gave me confidence to develop my own style. And I've kept it simple."

When Wark moved back to Toronto, she stopped the comic in Banff, and cold called the *Minden Times*, knowing the area for a cottage she kept on Maple Lake at the time.

"I'm local in spirit," she laughed.

Since then, Kwarky has been exclusively published in the *Times* each week, which Wark said helps her keep a schedule for creating.

"I draw it with pencil, and then I ink it with an ultra fine Sharpie, which you can get at just an arts and craft store, nothing fancy," said Wark. "Then I erase the pencil, fix mistakes and then I scan it into the computer, and Adobe Illustrator will do some things that I need, like crisping up the lines. And being able to type the tagline. Adobe Photoshop helps me with colour and making it into a JPEG."

"My motto is less is more," she said of her creative style. "So I try to keep things relatively two-dimensional."

Occasionally, she is stumped for ideas, especially with a full-time job set in routine.

"You have to get out of that and not think about your to-do list," she said. "I am a creative person and I spend most of my time in my own head. My mind just wanders. As long as I'm not stressed, I can just let my mind react to things I hear, things I read. And then I also try and get out of my comfort zone, which is usually education and dogs. I try to think about, you know, careers that people don't do cartoons about. So like, let's do a funny cartoon about an architect, or a dentist. What's funny about that? So sort of just challenging yourself to, 'what if?' situations."

Besides the *Times*, her work has also been seen in *Reader's Digest*, and through CartoonStock.com her art has been purchased for textbooks, newsletters, by professors and even by people who might want it on a mug. CartoonStock allows Wark to sell her work, rather than have it downloaded by those not respecting copyright laws.

But despite having a prolific portfolio, Wark said she doesn't have one favourite piece.

"The ones that stand out to me are the ones that are really funny, because they're not all really funny," she laughed. "The ones that are beautiful to look at, with the colours, and the ones that have as few words as possible. That's one of the hardest things about cartooning, to use as few words and let the art carry the cartoon."

To see Wark's work, pick up a copy of the *Times*, or visit https://www.cartoonstock.com/cartoonists/kimwark.

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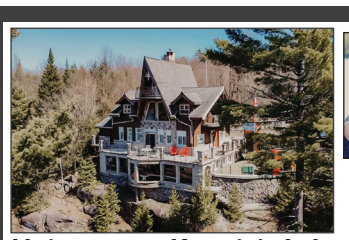

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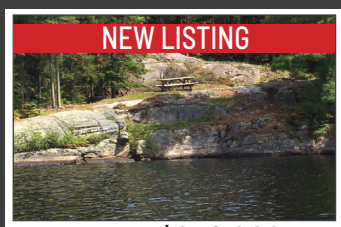

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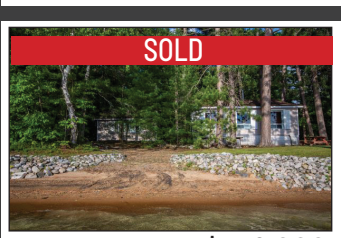

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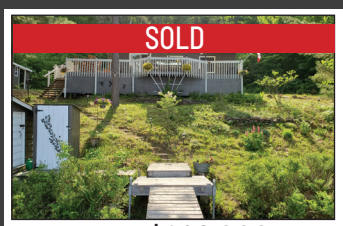

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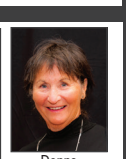

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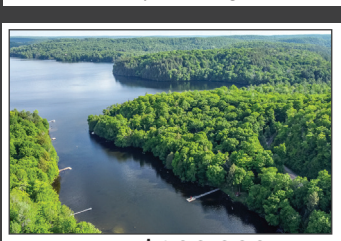

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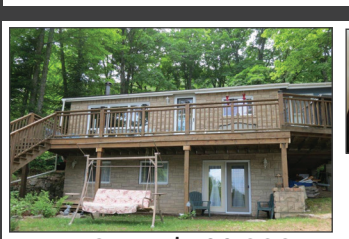

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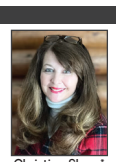

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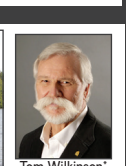

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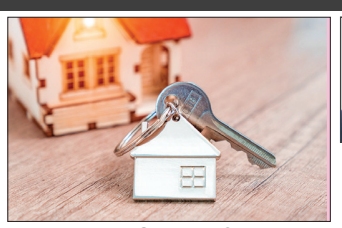

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NHL SPOTLIGHT

Duchene has coach Cherry in his corner

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

The TV lights were likely bright at first on Matt Duchene's eyes, sitting in the stands of the Mellon arena in Pittsburgh. His heart was likely beating fast too; it's not every day the NHL's five prospects get to be on Coach's Corner with Don Cherry.

Any Haliburton hockey fan watching Game 3 of the Stanley Cup playoffs on TSN on Tuesday, June 2 was in for a hockey treat. Duchene was being interviewed by Don Cherry along with fellow top NHL prospects Brayden Schenn, John Tavares, Victor Hedman, and Evander Kane.

The pre-taped interview was played during the first intermission to profile the five players who are getting closer to their own dream of playing in the Stanley Cup finals.

It must have seen like Christmas in June for the 18-year-old hockey player from Haliburton. Matt and his dad, Vince Duchene, a realtor with Haliburton ReMax, were invited to the game and the traditional top prospects talk with Cherry.

It was the opportunity of a lifetime to share a true hockey story about Coach's Corner on

See **TSN** *page 18*

MATT JAMES/Echo

The fun of fundraising

Grade 3 student Emily Parrish obviously enjoyed raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation in last week's Jump Rope for Heart at Stuart Baker Elementary School. More photos on page 24

Governments pump money into infrastructure

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Any political differences were cast aside on Friday when Conservative MP Barry Devolin and Liberal MPP Rick Johnson toured the riding doling out millions of dollars in infrastructure funding.

While they never quite made it to Haliburton, they did talk to the *Echo* by phone on Friday night about local projects.

See **Build Canada** *page 10*

Road's history has two versions

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

Either Kennaway Road has connected with Fishtail Lake Road since the colonization of Haliburton County or it has never existed and has been private property infringed upon by ATVers looking for a connection to their routes around Harcourt Park.

At Dysart council Monday, proponents of the wildly divergent views presented their cases in hopes that the municipality would choose a side.

"Colonization roads didn't follow survey lines. Right of way doesn't go away. That is the road allowance," Mark Coles, past president of the Haliburton ATV club, told council yesterday.

Coles presented maps to prove his point, each showing the Kennaway Road extending past the Fishtail Lake boat launch.

But the Fishtail Lake Sportsman's Club strongly disagreed, pointing out that they had already fought this battle at council in 1974 and 1984, each time with council ruling that the land was private.

See **Harcourt Park** *page 23*

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KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE $1,499,000

Custom-built home overlooking prestigious Kashagawigamog Lake. The big-sky lake views from the main floor are breathtaking! This property checks so many boxes: 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms to comfortably accommodate family and friends. Spacious great room with floor to ceiling windows and a cozy fireplace. Kitchen features solid knotty white oak cabinetry, granite counters and an island cook-top, to appease the most discerning of cooks. Master bedroom with a view, private deck, and hot tub. Walkout lower level to heated in-ground pool. 3 bay garage/workshop and so much more! This stunning spa-like property also features one-half ownership of a west-facing waterfront lot with hard sandy entry to Kashagawigamog Lake.

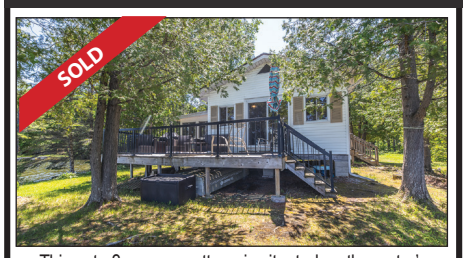
PERCY LAKE $889,000

This 4-season beautiful home or cottage is located on a year-round municipal road. Stunning southern exposure. A shallow entry, beautiful sandy beach and deep water off the end of the dock. The sizeable private docking system is the ideal spot to relax and enjoy your summer days. Bright open concept living space finished with hardwood flooring, cathedral ceilings, floor to ceiling windows providing ample natural lighting. Spacious kitchen. Large cedar deck with stunning open water views. Detached double garage for all your storage needs. This desirable turnkey cottage will check all your boxes.

IRONDALE RIVER $759,000

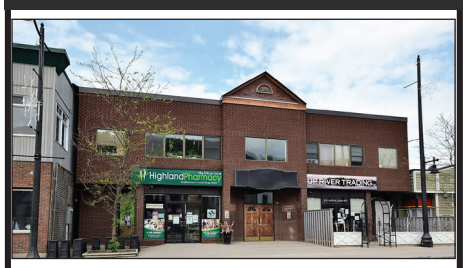
First time being offered for sale! This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. This home was built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, soft close drawers, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The formal dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck. The unfinished lower-level waits your finishing touch to create more space for your family.

GLAMOR LAKE $598,500



This cute 3 season cottage is situated on the water's edge in a quiet bay on Glamor Lake. Bright open concept kitchen, dining and living room finished with pine walls. This property offers 3 spacious bdrms and a 4pc bath. Plenty of room for the whole family to come and enjoy the beauty of Haliburton County. Many recent upgrades completed, including plumbing, windows, shingles, flooring, appliances and more. Beautiful sand beach with deep waters. Swim out and enjoy your very own small island. Bonus – 6.6 acres of your own land to explore.

MAIN STREET REZ $529,000



A one-of-a-kind unique investment opportunity currently filling a great need for affordable housing in the community. "Main Street Rez" offers two residential condo units and comes fully rented and provides a substantial income per month for the owner. The 24-hour inhouse maintenance is a bonus, this will keep you stress free from the daily coordination and maintenance of condo ownership.

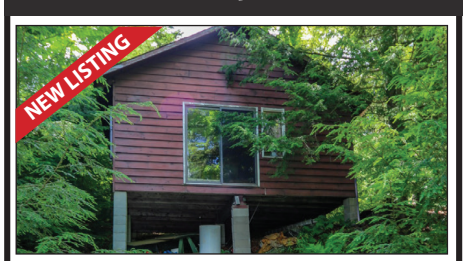
7331 GELERT ROAD $499,000

Fantastic 3 bdrm, 2 bath family home located in the heart of Haliburton. Perfect for the outdoor enthusiast. Tranquil wooded backyard backs onto the Haliburton Rail Trail. Enjoy walking, four-wheeling, and snowmobiling for year-round enjoyment – head out your back door, just hop on and go! Convenient low-maintenance home. Kitchen features a generous sized island, inside entry to the attached garage, and a walkout to the back deck. Sunroom off the front is a bright and breezy space. Walking distance to schools, shopping, hospital, recreation and Head Lake Park, this is the perfect spot to settle in. This lovely family home is waiting for you.

IRONDALE RIVER $465,000

Peace and tranquility on 11ac. This beautiful 3-bdrm, 2 bath home is an excellent opportunity for first-time homeowners to enter the market. This home is fully winterized and would also make a fantastic year-round cottage. The beautiful riverfront offers a private sand beach and miles of river for excellent canoeing, swimming, tubing, and kayaking. Bright open concept kitchen and dining area. Listen to the bird's sing from the screened porch. Finished walk-out lower level. Relax and destress after a long day in your very own sauna.

TROOPER LAKE $349,000



Escape to your cabin in the woods! Traditional 3-bdrm seasonal cottage nestled amongst the trees. The open concept kitchen and living room have tranquil lake views. Cute little bunkie provides extra sleeping space. 100 feet of water frontage with ample privacy. Natural shoreline with deep water off the dock.

CONTAU LAKE ROAD $329,000

The perfect starter home or weekend retreat! This beautiful park-like setting offers 1.51 acres and a level, open yard. 2-bdrms & 2 baths. Open concept, pine kitchen and living area creates a welcoming space. The main floor also features a 2-pc powder room while the second floor offers two spacious bedrooms and a 4pc bath. Recent upgrades include a new propane furnace, steel roof, and hot water tank. Drilled well and septic. The log building is well built and awaits your finishing touches (flooring needed in living room and bedrooms).

COMMERCIAL - EAST ROAD $135,000

It's all about the location! This commercial lot is ideally located in the heart of Carnarvon and situated on the corner of Highway 118 and East Road. The property features a charming seasonal building that dates back to the 1800's. There is hydro servicing the building but no water or septic. Tons of storage space in the attached oversized single garage with poured concrete floor. Commercial zoning and great exposure provide endless possibilities for your business.

VACANT LOTS

LITTLE GULL LAKE 0.78AC
$355,000

LOUISE LANE 35+AC
$275,000

STILLS ROAD 1.2AC
$152,500

NORTH [illegible] 8AC
SOLD

NEW LISTING
BASSHAUNT LAKE ROAD
$147,500 1.88AC